

Fall 2014 Hikes and Happenings

DCR Boston Region Sites

- Stony Brook Reservation
- Brook Farm Historic Site
- Chestnut Hill Reservation
- Hammond Pond Reservation
- Hancock Woods Reservation
- Hemlock Gorge Reservation
- Neponset River Reservation
- Charles River Reservation
- Mystic River Reservation
- Beaver Brook Reservation



- Quincy Shores Reservation
- Dorchester Shores Reservation
- Alewife Brook Reservation
- Melnea Cass Recreation Complex
- Roxbury Heritage Park
- Southwest Corridor Park
- South Boston Beaches
- Dorothy Quincy Homestead
- Castle Island
- Camp Meigs

Saturday, September 6 and October 4 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Dorothy Quincy Homestead Open House

The Dorothy Quincy Homestead is located at the intersection of Hancock Street and Butler Street in Quincy. For more info, visit http://www.nscda.org/ma/quincy_homestead.php

A National Historic Landmark, the Quincy Homestead is significant for its role in early American history, for its architecture, and for its Quincy family association. In addition to the architecture and furnishings, docents share stories of the Quincy family during the colonial era. The tours are free. Donations welcome. This small DCR park can be accessed through the driveway gate.

Saturday, September 6

8:00 am - 1:00 pm (Rain date: Sunday, September 7)

Neponset River Clean-up

Meet at 8 am at the Martini Shell parking lot at 1015 Truman Parkway in Hyde Park. Parking is limited. Carpooling encouraged. Pre-registration requested. Call or email Kristina LaFrance at lafrance@neponset.org or phone 781-575-0354, or visit www.neponset.org/cleanup to register.

Join the Neponset River Watershed Association and local volunteers to cleanup the Neponset River in Hyde Park. The cleanup will bring together community members from Hyde Park and surrounding towns in an effort to increase awareness of the river and promote its use as a recreational resource. Wear a hat, sunblock, work gloves, appropriate close-toed footwear (no flip-flops!) and work clothes that can get dirty. Water and snacks provided. Public transport encouraged. Ages 15 and up.

Saturday, September 6

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Rescheduled from August 30)

5th Annual Hyde Park Jazz Fest

Meet at DCR Martini Shell located at 1015 Truman Parkway in Hyde Park. Parking is limited. Public transport encouraged. Rain location: Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River Street, Hyde Park.

Celebrate the late days of summer with a world class jazz festival featuring award winning artists. Pack a picnic basket, grab a blanket and relax in the grass. For info, visit www.danieliansmith.com

1:00 - 2:00 pm

The Bruce Gertz Trio

2:30 - 3:30 pm

The Latin Side of Billy Strayhorn

4:00 - 5:00 pm

The Thaddeus Hogarth Band

Sundays, September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5 and

October 11, 12 and 13 of Columbus Day Weekend

12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Fort Independence Tours at DCR Castle Island, South Boston

Castle Island and Fort Independence are located at the end of Day Boulevard in South Boston.

www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/castle-island-pleasure-bay-m-street-and-carson-beach.html

Castle Island is the oldest continuously fortified site in British North America! The first fort on Castle Island was built in 1634 for the coastal defense of Boston. Fort Independence, a pentagonal five-bastioned fort built between 1834 and 1851, is Castle Island's 8th fort and was built with granite from the quarries in Rockport, MA. Free one-hour tours of Fort Independence are sponsored by the Castle Island Association in partnership with the DCR. Call the "CIA" at 617-268-8870 for updates.

Saturday, September 20

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

DCR Neponset River Greenway Geology Walk

Please email Maggi.Brown@state.ma.us for program registration and meeting place.

Les Tyralla, registered geologist, and a DCR ranger will lead a geology walk along the lowermost reaches of the Neponset River where it enters a tidal estuary. We will look at the sedimentary bedrock (the locally-named puddingstone) evidence of ancient, rugged mountains westerly of Boston, broad shallow seas covering most of Milton and Mattapan, and recent glacial features. Enjoy an easy walk along the Neponset River, along quiet side streets, and a public green space. Ages 12 and up.

Sunday, September 28

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Family Day at the Waterworks Museum in Chestnut Hill

Meet at the Waterworks Museum at 2450 Beacon Street in Boston.
Call 617-277-0065 for details or visit www.waterworksmuseum.org
“Water” you doing today? Get pumped! Join Waterworks Museum staff for a free fun filled day of activities, games and all things water. Learn about the history of the Boston water system, practice your water pumping skills, and test your knowledge of global water issues. Please carpool or take the “T” as parking is limited.

Saturday, October 25

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

First People Archaeology at DCR Caddy Park

Meet at DCR Caddy Memorial Park on Quincy Shore Drive in Quincy.
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/quincy-shores-reservation.html>
October is Massachusetts Archaeology Month! Join Ellen Berkland, DCR Archaeologist, and the “History Girls” of Broad Meadows Middle School in Quincy for a walk, talk and activities to discover the rich Native history of Quincy shore and Black’s creek area. In 1999, a collection of beautifully crafted and placed tools were unearthed at Caddy Park. These artifacts reveal exciting new information about the life of the First People of the place we now call Quincy! All ages welcome.

Saturday & Sunday, October 25 & 26

12:00 - 4:00 pm

Children’s Magical Halloween Castle at DCR Castle Island, South Boston

Castle Island and Fort Independence are located at the end of Day Boulevard in South Boston.
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/castle-island-pleasure-bay-m-street-and-carson-beach.html
Join this annual family event at “The Castle” in South Boston. Fort Independence transforms into a slightly spooky, but family friendly magical mystery castle. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Costumes encouraged! Sponsored by the Castle Island Association in partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Visit www.bostonfortindependence.com or call 617-268-8870 for the latest info.

Thursday, October 30

5:30 pm registration, 6:00 pm float

13th Annual Pumpkin Float at DCR Pope John Paul II Park

Meet at Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester at the Hallet Street entrance.
www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-boston/pope-john-paul-ii-park-reservation.html
Join this Neponset family tradition! Bring your hollow carved pumpkin and join the floating parade of illuminated jack-o-lanterns down Davenport Creek to the Neponset River. Halloween costumes encouraged! Pumpkins can be no larger than 8 inches, or they won’t float. Each jack-o-lantern will have a candle inserted on site and lit before being launched, en masse, in the water. Floats and candles will be provided. At the end of the event, pumpkins are collected for compost and used in Boston gardens. No registration necessary. Event check-in at Hallet Street entrance to the park. Presented by MA DCR and co-sponsored by Boston Natural Areas Network.

Saturday, November 8

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Olmsted and Stony Brook Reservation

Meet at the DCR Stony Brook Reservation Headquarters at 12 Brainard Street in Hyde Park.
In his 1890 Waverly Oaks report, Charles Eliot suggested that Boston residents look beyond the city and into the suburbs for natural scenery to foster and preserve “an education in the love of beauty” and “a means of human enjoyment.” Contemplate Eliot’s efforts and ideas on a scenic stroll through Stony Brook Reservation. 1.5 hours.

Things to know before you go

- ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE!
- Carry drinking water, wear sturdy footwear and dress in layers for maximum comfort
- If weather conditions are questionable, please call the reservation headquarters on the day of the program at 617-333-7404,extension 104 for updates.
- Reasonable accommodations available. For accessibility concerns, please email Maggi.Brown@state.ma.us



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